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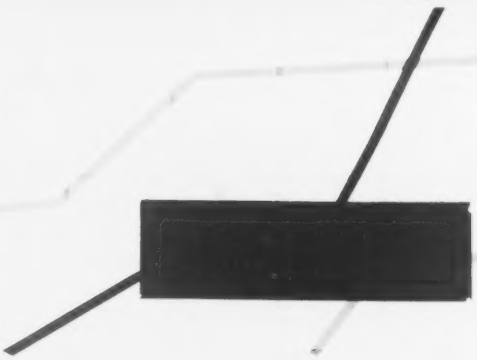

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Pages devoted to the Charleston, Huntington, Parkersburg and Wheeling Metropolitan Areas incorporate a new layout with much more detailed coverage of payroll employment, hours, and earnings. Average hours and earnings for production and nonsupervisory workers are now available for the entire private sector in these areas. See pages 13 - 16.

Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force in West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*	*Prelim. May. '92*	*Revised Apr. '92*	*Revised May. '91*	*Change from: Apr. 1992*	*May. 1991*
Civilian Labor Force	753.4	737.8	737.8	15.6	15.6
Total Employment	694.9	676.7	683.9	18.2	11.0
Total Unemployment	58.5	61.1	53.9	-2.6	4.6
Unemployment Rate	7.8	8.3	7.3	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*					
Civilian Labor Force	788.7	776.7	780.5	12.0	8.2
Total Employment	700.4	688.6	707.0	11.8	-6.6
Total Unemployment	88.3	88.1	73.5	0.2	14.8
Unemployment Rate	11.2	11.3	9.4	xx	xx

Employment: Total resident-based employment increased 18,200 during the month to an estimated 694,900 in mid-May. Employment in May 1992 exceeded that of May 1991 by 11,000. However, the total included 10,400 temporary poll workers who worked only a single day in the May primary election, which occurred this year during the reference week when employment was measured.

Nonfarm payroll employment stood at 645,700 in mid-May, a count of 15,800 more jobs than a month earlier. Again, election workers accounted for two-thirds of the increase.

Construction continued its spring seasonal upswing by adding 1,400 new payroll jobs over the month. Several mines experienced cutbacks, however, causing a loss of 200 jobs. Manufacturing remained flat over the same period.

In the service-producing sector, a combination of seasonal hirings and some economic growth boosted trade employment by 2,000. Seasonal improvements of 200 each occurred in trucking and utilities. The summer recreation season spurred a jump of 800 in amusements, while hospitals and other health services continued their long-term expansion trends by adding 200 apiece. The wind-up of the school year caused private education services to drop 500, mostly student workers, and the public education sector of state government lost 700 for the same reason. In addition to the extra election workers, seasonal expansions at parks and highways as well as nonseasonal additions of federal government employees contributed to the 11,000 increase in government over the month.

Unemployment: Unemployment contracted 2,600 to an estimated 58,500 in mid-May. This represents an unemployment rate of 7.8 percent, down noticeably from 8.3 in April but still higher than May 1991's 7.3 percent rate.

West Virginia Economic Indicators

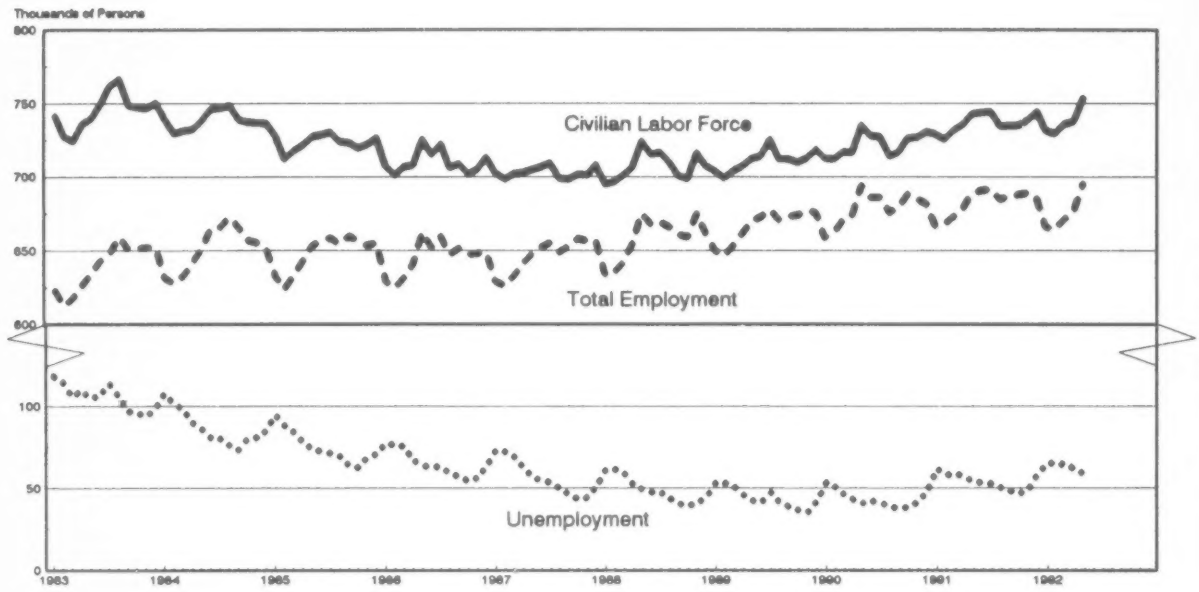
	May 1992	Apr. 1992	May 1991
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.9	40.8	40.5
Seasonally Adjusted	40.9	40.9	40.4
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,539	2,543	2,537
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$492.03	$498.17	$469.04
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	44.5	44.7	43.6
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$810.35	$813.99	$794.39
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	13,586	13,981	13,967
Seasonally Adjusted	12,517	13,659	12,868
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,076	1,116	1,081
Seasonally Adjusted	1,129	1,122	1,134
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	NA	4,299	6,758
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	981	1,240	1,001
Seasonally Adjusted	1,281	1,303	1,307
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,701	2,016	1,699
Seasonally Adjusted	2,521	2,322	2,518
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	3.7	4.3	3.8
Seasonally Adjusted	3.9	3.7	4.1
Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted			
WV Series	8.0	7.9	7.5
BLS Series	11.5	11.6	9.7

Selected National Data

	May 1992	Apr. 1992	May 1991
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	7.2	7.1	6.6
Seasonally Adjusted	7.5	7.2	6.8
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	139.7	139.5	135.6
1967 Base	418.6	417.9	406.3
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods Unadjusted, 1982 Base	123.1	122.2	121.8
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	341.3	366.5	366.6
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	3.0	3.3	3.0
Seasonally Adjusted	3.1	3.2	3.3
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	$362.92	$360.47	$350.89
Average Weekly Hours	34.4	34.2	34.1
Average Hourly Earnings	$10.55	$10.54	$10.29

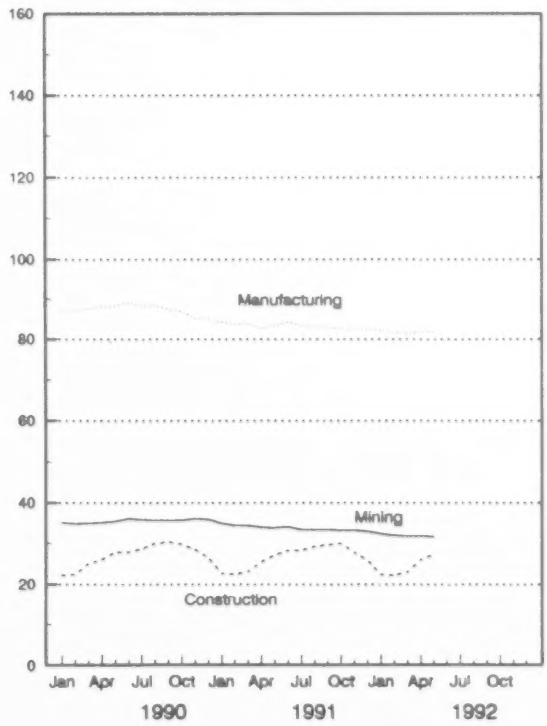
Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Total Employment, Unemployment and Civilian Labor Force



Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Service Producing Employment

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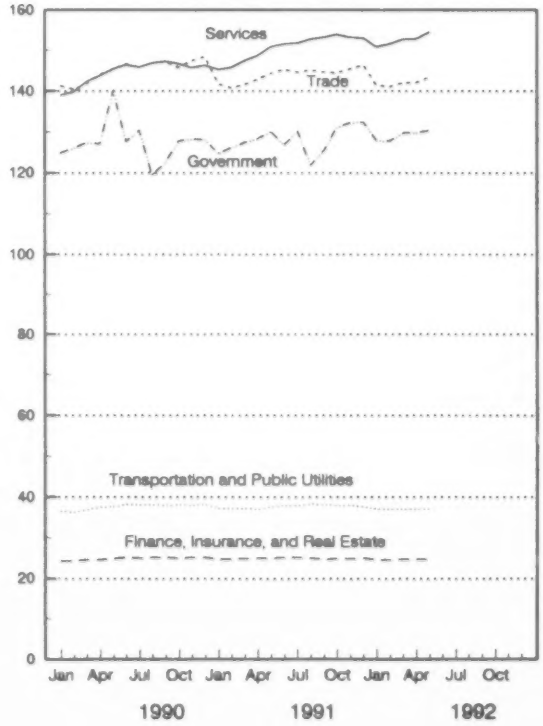


Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May.'92	Revised Apr.'92	Revised May.'91	Change From: Apr. 1992	Change From: May. 1991
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	645.7	629.9	632.5	15.8	13.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	504.7	499.9	502.5	4.8	2.2
GOODS-PRODUCING	141.1	139.8	144.6	1.3	-3.5
Mining	31.8	31.9	33.9	-0.1	-2.1
Coal Mining	26.6	26.8	28.4	-0.2	-1.8
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.2	4.1	4.5	0.1	-0.3
Other Mining	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	27.4	26.0	27.2	1.4	0.2
General Building Contractors	7.0	6.6	7.0	0.4	0.0
Heavy Construction	7.8	7.3	7.8	0.5	0.0
Special Trade Contractors	12.6	12.1	12.4	0.5	0.2
Manufacturing	81.9	81.9	83.5	0.0	-1.6
Durable Goods	45.1	45.1	46.0	0.0	-0.9
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	8.0	7.9	7.5	0.1	0.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.0	6.9	7.3	0.1	-0.3
Primary Metals Industries	13.0	13.0	13.5	0.0	-0.5
Fabricated Metal Products	5.6	5.7	5.4	-0.1	0.2
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.8	4.8	5.6	0.0	-0.8
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
Transportation Equipment	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.0	0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.3	2.3	-0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	36.8	36.8	37.5	0.0	-0.7
Food & Kindred Products	4.2	4.1	4.0	0.1	0.2
Textile Mill Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.9	4.0	4.0	-0.1	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	5.0	5.1	5.1	-0.1	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	16.9	16.8	17.6	0.1	-0.7
Other Nondurable Goods	4.8	4.8	4.8	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	504.6	490.1	487.9	14.5	16.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.8	37.5	37.7	0.3	0.1
Railroad Transportation	3.7	3.7	3.8	0.0	-0.1
Trucking & Warehousing	10.1	9.9	9.8	0.2	0.3
Other Transportation	3.4	3.5	3.4	-0.1	0.0
Communications	8.1	8.1	8.2	0.0	-0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.5	12.3	12.5	0.2	0.0
Trade	145.2	143.2	144.3	2.0	0.9
Wholesale Trade	29.8	29.7	30.3	0.1	-0.5
Retail Trade	115.4	113.5	114.0	1.9	1.4
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.2	4.9	5.0	0.3	0.2
General Merchandise Stores	16.3	16.3	15.2	0.0	1.1
Food Stores	22.2	22.1	22.2	0.1	0.0
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.6	14.4	14.5	0.2	0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.7	4.7	5.6	0.0	-0.9
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.3	4.3	4.3	0.0	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	36.0	34.8	35.4	1.2	0.6
Miscellaneous Retail	12.1	12.0	11.8	0.1	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	25.1	24.9	25.0	0.2	0.1
Finance	14.0	14.0	14.0	0.0	0.0
Insurance	6.9	6.8	6.8	0.1	0.1
Real Estate	4.2	4.1	4.2	0.1	0.0
Services	155.5	154.5	150.9	1.0	4.6
Agricultural Services	2.5	2.4	2.4	0.1	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	8.1	7.8	8.0	0.3	0.1
Personal Services	6.3	6.7	6.2	-0.4	0.1
Business Services	14.4	14.4	14.1	0.0	0.3
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.6	5.6	5.6	0.0	0.0
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	6.7	5.9	6.8	0.8	-0.1
Health Services	59.8	59.4	57.4	0.4	2.4
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.8	10.8	10.6	0.0	0.2
Hospitals	29.8	29.6	28.6	0.2	1.2
Other Health Services	19.2	19.0	18.2	0.2	1.0
Legal Services	4.3	4.2	4.1	0.1	0.2
Educational Services	6.0	6.5	5.8	-0.5	0.2
Social Services	13.1	13.1	12.4	0.0	0.7
Membership Organizations	19.7	19.5	19.7	0.2	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	8.1	8.1	7.5	0.0	0.6
Government	141.0	130.0	130.0	11.0	11.0
Federal	17.3	17.1	16.9	0.2	0.4
Hospitals	3.3	3.2	3.1	0.1	0.2
U S Postal Service	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	8.9	8.8	8.8	0.1	0.1
State	40.9	41.3	40.8	-0.4	0.1
Hospitals	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.1
Education	19.0	19.7	19.0	-0.7	0.0
Other State	19.4	19.1	19.4	0.3	0.0
Local	82.8	71.6	72.3	11.2	10.5
Hospitals	5.1	5.0	5.0	0.1	0.1
Education	45.4	45.5	45.9	-0.1	-0.5
Other Local	32.3	21.1	21.4	11.2	10.9
Labor-Management Dispute Status	1.8	1.8	2.1	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May.'92	Revised Apr.'92	Revised May.'91	Change From: Apr. 1992	Change From: May. 1991
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	290.5	284.2	281.1	6.3	9.4
PRIVATE SECTOR	217.6	215.5	212.8	2.1	4.8
GOODS-PRODUCING	23.1	23.1	23.9	0.0	-0.8
Mining	2.0	1.9	2.0	0.1	0.0
Coal Mining	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.1	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.0	-0.1
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Special Trade Contractors	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.0	-0.1
Manufacturing	18.9	19.0	19.6	-0.1	-0.7
Durable Goods	7.1	7.1	7.5	0.0	-0.4
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.1	2.1	2.2	0.0	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.0	-0.2
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	11.8	11.9	12.1	-0.1	-0.3
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.4	3.5	3.4	-0.1	0.0
Paper & Allied Products	0.3	0.4	0.3	-0.1	0.0
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	2.7	2.6	3.1	0.1	-0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	267.4	261.1	257.2	6.3	10.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.2	8.1	8.0	0.1	0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	0.6	0.7	0.6	-0.1	0.0
Communications	3.9	3.8	3.7	0.1	0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.3	2.4	0.1	0.0
Trade	68.9	67.8	67.3	1.1	1.6
Wholesale Trade	6.2	6.2	5.9	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	62.7	61.6	61.4	1.1	1.3
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
General Merchandise Stores	11.6	11.5	10.4	0.1	1.2
Food Stores	11.9	11.7	11.5	0.2	0.4
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Accessory Stores	3.9	3.9	4.8	0.0	-0.9
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.6	1.5	1.5	0.1	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	21.2	20.5	20.8	0.7	0.4
Miscellaneous Retail	8.0	8.0	7.9	0.0	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.8	15.5	15.6	0.3	0.2
Finance	11.0	10.9	11.0	0.1	0.0
Insurance	3.4	3.2	3.1	0.2	0.3
Real Estate	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.0	-0.1
Services	101.6	101.0	98.0	0.6	3.6
Agricultural Services	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
Personal Services	4.1	4.4	4.0	-0.3	0.1
Business Services	7.6	7.3	7.1	0.3	0.5
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	3.2	2.8	3.1	0.4	0.1
Health Services	48.9	48.9	47.1	0.0	1.8
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.8	9.8	9.4	0.0	0.4
Hospitals	24.4	24.4	23.6	0.0	0.8
Other Health Services	14.7	14.7	14.1	0.0	0.6
Legal Services	3.4	3.4	3.1	0.0	0.3
Educational Services	3.2	3.4	3.2	-0.2	0.0
Social Services	9.5	9.5	9.2	0.0	0.3
Membership Organizations	11.9	11.6	11.9	0.3	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	3.0	3.0	2.6	0.0	0.4
Government	72.9	68.7	68.3	4.2	4.6
Federal	7.3	7.3	7.4	0.0	-0.1
Hospitals	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Other Federal	4.1	4.1	4.3	0.0	-0.2
State	20.0	20.4	19.6	-0.4	0.4
Hospitals	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Education	10.3	10.9	9.9	-0.6	0.4
Other State	8.0	7.8	8.0	0.2	0.0
Local	45.6	41.0	41.3	4.6	4.3
Hospitals	4.3	4.2	4.2	0.1	0.1
Education	29.4	29.4	29.8	0.0	-0.4
Other Local	11.9	7.4	7.3	4.5	4.6

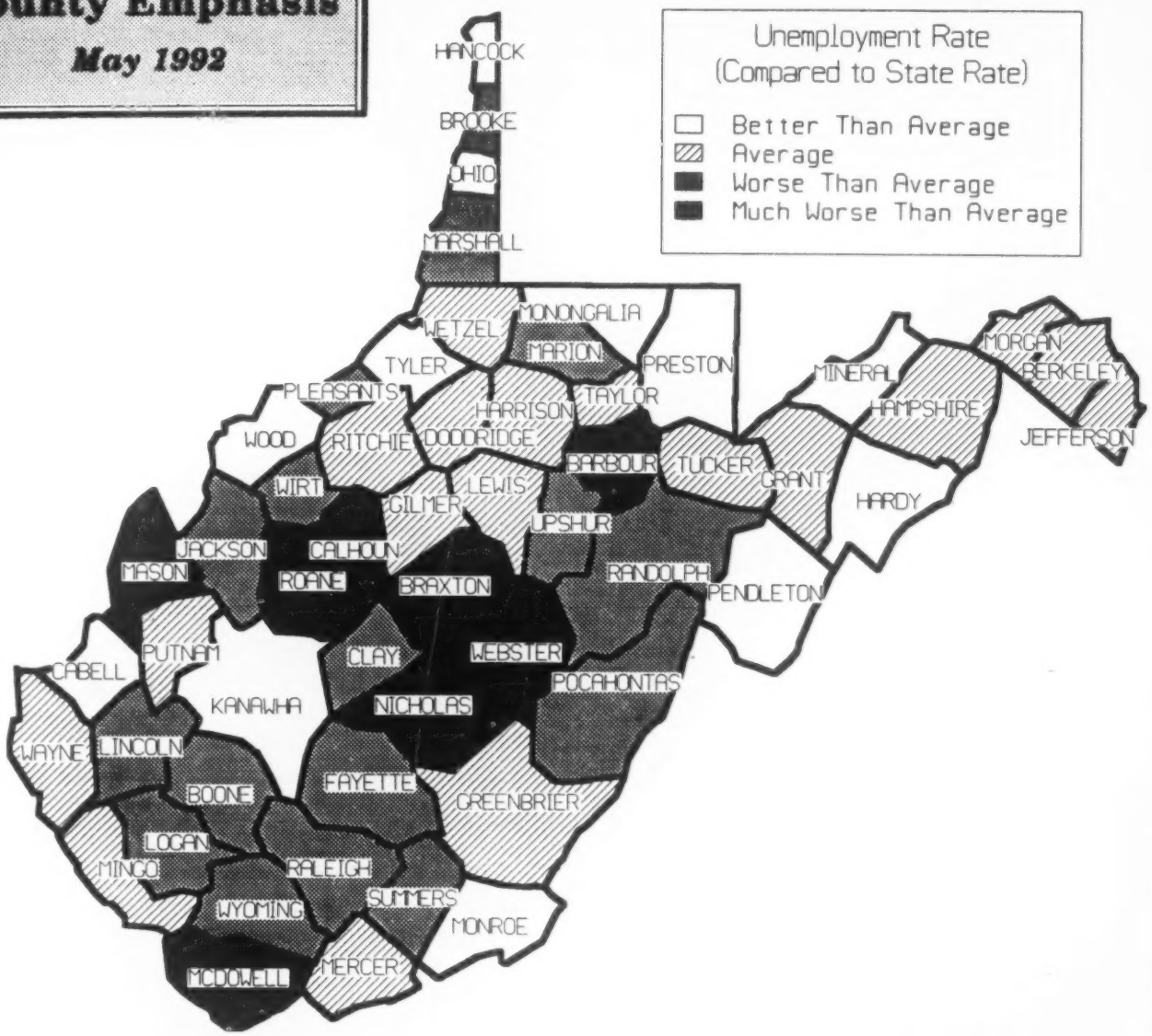
Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production and Nonsupervisory Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May.'92	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*	*May.'92*	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*	*May.'92*	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	$367.14	$363.07	$356.76	36.1	35.7	36.0	$10.17	$10.17	$9.91
Mining	761.57	762.89	748.61	44.2	44.2	43.6	17.23	17.26	17.17
Coal Mining	810.35	813.99	794.39	44.5	44.7	43.6	18.21	18.21	18.22
Oil & Gas Extraction	477.57	461.15	468.29	41.6	40.1	43.2	11.48	11.50	10.84
Other Mining	466.94	511.10	494.49	45.6	47.5	45.2	10.24	10.76	10.94
Construction	568.42	532.15	540.88	38.2	36.7	39.8	14.88	14.50	13.59
Manufacturing	492.03	498.17	469.04	40.9	40.8	40.4	12.03	12.21	11.61
Durable Goods	498.83	499.73	474.44	41.5	41.3	40.9	12.02	12.10	11.60
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	313.80	315.15	295.40	40.7	40.3	40.3	7.71	7.82	7.33
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	463.57	474.96	452.39	40.7	41.7	39.1	11.39	11.39	11.57
Primary Metals Industries	679.36	672.98	614.88	44.0	43.7	42.7	15.44	15.40	14.40
Fabricated Metal Products	448.50	455.11	427.35	39.0	38.7	38.5	11.50	11.76	11.10
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	479.55	496.46	487.28	40.4	41.2	41.4	11.87	12.05	11.77
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	576.39	566.78	585.57	43.6	43.2	44.7	13.22	13.12	13.10
Transportation Equipment	527.98	519.98	485.62	43.1	41.9	45.3	12.25	12.41	10.72
Nondurable Goods	484.01	495.24	462.48	40.2	40.1	39.8	12.04	12.35	11.62
Food & Kindred Products	377.14	378.10	395.07	38.8	39.1	39.0	9.72	9.67	10.13
Textile Mill Products	272.92	256.02	261.42	39.1	34.0	38.5	6.98	7.53	6.79
Apparel & Other Textile Products	206.18	209.19	216.02	36.3	36.7	36.8	5.68	5.70	5.87
Paper & Allied Products	371.43	387.54	304.58	41.5	43.3	39.2	8.95	8.95	7.77
Printing & Publishing	313.85	317.20	320.73	34.3	32.4	34.9	9.15	9.79	9.19
Chemicals & Allied Products	768.32	800.65	688.43	44.8	46.2	43.0	17.15	17.33	16.01
Transportation & Public Utilities	518.22	500.60	504.29	42.2	41.1	41.2	12.28	12.18	12.24
Trucking & Warehousing	433.84	414.98	429.13	46.4	44.1	43.7	9.35	9.41	9.82
Communications	531.19	496.86	493.84	37.7	36.4	37.9	14.09	13.65	13.03
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	652.80	651.24	640.93	42.5	43.1	42.7	15.36	15.11	15.01
Trade	245.58	239.36	239.67	32.7	32.0	32.3	7.51	7.48	7.42
Wholesale Trade	477.84	461.66	454.21	41.3	41.0	40.7	11.57	11.26	11.16
Retail Trade	189.41	184.76	185.73	30.6	29.8	30.2	6.19	6.20	6.15
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	266.85	274.51	261.14	39.3	39.9	40.3	6.79	6.88	6.48
General Merchandise Stores	202.36	197.70	202.34	30.8	30.0	30.2	6.57	6.59	6.70
Food Stores	197.34	193.01	183.11	30.5	29.2	28.7	6.47	6.61	6.38
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	270.47	253.42	278.63	37.0	34.2	37.4	7.31	7.41	7.45
Apparel & Accessory Stores	147.68	140.42	146.04	28.9	26.9	27.4	5.11	5.22	5.33
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	275.96	280.60	288.35	36.6	36.3	36.5	7.54	7.73	7.90
Eating & Drinking Places	132.24	129.23	127.36	26.5	26.7	26.7	4.99	4.84	4.77
Miscellaneous Retail	197.16	187.14	194.00	31.0	29.8	30.6	6.36	6.28	6.34
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	315.36	314.94	308.55	36.5	36.2	36.3	8.64	8.70	8.50
Finance	263.53	257.76	249.91	36.1	35.8	35.1	7.30	7.20	7.12
Insurance	438.33	464.44	461.23	37.4	38.1	38.5	11.72	12.19	11.98
Real Estate	314.86	302.91	303.81	36.4	35.1	37.6	8.65	8.63	8.08
Services	290.34	289.48	278.73	33.8	33.7	34.2	8.59	8.59	8.15
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	263.09	232.06	267.62	32.4	29.3	32.4	8.12	7.92	8.26
Personal Services	227.34	248.16	237.05	32.9	35.1	35.7	6.91	7.07	6.64
Business Services	244.84	229.12	236.65	34.1	32.0	34.1	7.18	7.16	6.94
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	337.59	339.83	333.29	39.3	39.7	38.8	8.59	8.56	8.59
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	178.13	178.41	160.26	28.5	28.5	26.8	6.25	6.26	5.98
Health Services	337.06	335.61	320.92	36.4	36.4	37.1	9.26	9.22	8.65
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	191.69	195.14	192.09	32.6	33.3	33.7	5.88	5.86	5.70
Hospitals	406.95	405.30	384.93	38.5	38.6	39.0	10.57	10.50	9.87
Other Health Services	306.42	301.71	290.88	35.1	34.6	36.0	8.73	8.72	8.08
Legal Services	419.34	407.63	382.35	38.9	37.5	36.8	10.78	10.87	10.39
Social Services	208.16	208.16	182.39	30.3	30.3	30.5	6.87	6.87	5.98
Engineering & Management Services	424.13	471.24	394.94	36.5	39.7	36.4	11.62	11.87	10.85

The above figures represent the hours and earnings of more than 400,000 private sector production and nonsupervisory workers in West Virginia. Comparable totals for the United States appear at the bottom of page 3. Additional industry detail for the United States and for other states is available upon request.

County Emphasis

May 1992



Labor market conditions in most West Virginia counties showed improvement during May 1992, with most recording declines in their unemployment rate. Seasonal employment increases, particularly in construction, trade, and services along with government (election workers) were responsible for this advance. Of note, election workers were included only because their employment occurred during the survey week which includes the 12th day of the month. Eighteen counties recorded double-digit unemployment rates, with eight producing rates considered much worse than average. Included in the group are Barbour (15.9%), Calhoun (15.1%), Webster (14.3%), McDowell (13.4%), Roane (13.2%), Mason (12.6%), Nicholas (12.4%) and Braxton (12.3%) counties. On the other end of the spectrum, those counties considered as having rates better than average include Pendleton (3.3%), Hardy (3.7%), Monongalia (4.1%), Monroe (5.0%), Ohio (5.4%), Kanawha (5.9%), Cabell (6.2%), Wood (6.3%), Tyler (6.4%), Hancock (6.5%), Preston (6.7%) and Mineral (6.7%) counties.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

May 1992

(Revised April 1992 in parentheses)

These Labor Force Statistics Were Designed To Be Used For Economic Analysis

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	4,400	(4,270)	3,700	(3,590)	700	(680)	15.9	(16.0)
Berkeley	30,810	(30,000)	28,570	(27,850)	2,230	(2,160)	7.2	(7.2)
Boone	8,640	(8,340)	7,720	(7,500)	920	(840)	10.7	(10.1)
Braxton	5,310	(5,200)	4,660	(4,400)	650	(800)	12.3	(15.4)
Brooke	10,130	(9,900)	9,230	(9,060)	900	(850)	8.9	(8.5)
Cabell	43,660	(43,170)	40,950	(40,350)	2,710	(2,820)	6.2	(6.5)
Calhoun	2,860	(2,840)	2,430	(2,270)	430	(570)	15.1	(20.1)
Clay	3,330	(3,140)	2,950	(2,710)	380	(430)	11.5	(13.7)
Doddridge	2,490	(2,400)	2,290	(2,210)	200	(190)	8.0	(7.9)
Fayette	17,420	(17,060)	15,760	(15,370)	1,660	(1,700)	9.5	(9.9)
Gilmer	3,040	(3,260)	2,780	(2,940)	260	(320)	8.6	(9.9)
Grant	4,790	(4,670)	4,430	(4,320)	360	(340)	7.4	(7.3)
Greenbrier	15,350	(14,840)	14,170	(13,520)	1,180	(1,320)	7.7	(8.9)
Hampshire	7,030	(6,810)	6,440	(6,120)	600	(690)	8.5	(10.2)
Hancock	13,220	(13,110)	12,360	(12,130)	860	(980)	6.5	(7.5)
Hardy	5,810	(5,590)	5,600	(5,310)	220	(280)	3.7	(4.9)
Harrison	30,440	(29,770)	28,080	(27,110)	2,360	(2,660)	7.8	(8.9)
Jackson	9,890	(9,530)	8,840	(8,450)	1,050	(1,080)	10.6	(11.3)
Jefferson	18,430	(18,000)	17,050	(16,500)	1,380	(1,500)	7.5	(8.3)
Kanawha	99,430	(97,620)	93,600	(91,670)	5,830	(5,950)	5.9	(6.1)
Lewis	7,430	(7,320)	6,790	(6,570)	640	(750)	8.6	(10.3)
Lincoln	7,910	(7,630)	7,120	(6,800)	780	(830)	9.9	(10.9)
Logan	13,350	(13,010)	12,050	(11,790)	1,310	(1,230)	9.8	(9.4)
McDowell	7,050	(6,580)	6,100	(5,650)	950	(920)	13.4	(14.1)
Marion	22,590	(22,300)	20,120	(19,770)	2,460	(2,530)	10.9	(11.3)
Marshall	14,950	(14,670)	13,460	(13,130)	1,480	(1,540)	9.9	(10.5)
Mason	9,530	(9,140)	8,330	(7,960)	1,200	(1,190)	12.6	(13.0)
Mercer	26,930	(26,450)	24,930	(24,430)	2,000	(2,020)	7.4	(7.6)
Mineral	10,710	(10,680)	9,990	(9,940)	720	(730)	6.7	(6.9)
Mingo	11,800	(11,690)	10,980	(10,750)	820	(940)	7.0	(8.1)
Monongalia	41,710	(41,000)	40,010	(39,280)	1,700	(1,720)	4.1	(4.2)
Monroe	5,260	(5,050)	4,990	(4,760)	270	(280)	5.0	(5.6)
Morgan	5,420	(5,220)	5,020	(4,830)	410	(390)	7.5	(7.5)
Nicholas	9,090	(8,860)	7,960	(7,650)	1,120	(1,210)	12.4	(13.6)
Ohio	24,110	(23,570)	22,810	(22,240)	1,300	(1,330)	5.4	(5.7)
Pendleton	3,950	(3,800)	3,820	(3,660)	130	(140)	3.3	(3.6)
Pleasants	2,220	(2,120)	1,960	(1,860)	250	(260)	11.4	(12.4)
Pocahontas	4,510	(4,710)	4,000	(4,170)	510	(550)	11.3	(11.6)
Preston	13,350	(13,190)	12,460	(12,240)	890	(960)	6.7	(7.3)
Putnam	17,150	(16,860)	15,700	(15,380)	1,450	(1,490)	8.4	(8.8)
Raleigh	29,080	(28,270)	26,450	(25,700)	2,630	(2,570)	9.0	(9.1)
Randolph	12,050	(11,830)	10,860	(10,670)	1,190	(1,160)	9.9	(9.8)
Ritchie	5,440	(5,200)	4,960	(4,710)	480	(480)	8.8	(9.3)
Roane	5,030	(5,010)	4,360	(4,200)	660	(800)	13.2	(16.0)
Summers	4,270	(4,190)	3,830	(3,650)	440	(550)	10.3	(13.0)
Taylor	5,950	(5,880)	5,500	(5,310)	450	(570)	7.6	(9.6)
Tucker	4,200	(3,950)	3,900	(3,680)	300	(280)	7.2	(7.0)
Tyler	4,780	(4,680)	4,470	(4,320)	310	(360)	6.4	(7.6)
Upshur	8,220	(8,150)	7,330	(7,160)	900	(990)	10.9	(12.1)
Wayne	15,880	(15,750)	14,690	(14,480)	1,190	(1,280)	7.5	(8.1)
Webster	3,050	(2,930)	2,610	(2,510)	430	(420)	14.3	(14.4)
Wetzel	9,440	(9,200)	8,750	(8,450)	700	(750)	7.4	(8.1)
Wirt	2,000	(1,830)	1,770	(1,550)	220	(280)	11.2	(15.3)
Wood	41,640	(40,940)	39,010	(38,180)	2,630	(2,750)	6.3	(6.7)
Wyoming	6,930	(6,640)	6,180	(5,900)	750	(750)	10.8	(11.2)
Statewide	753,400	(737,800)	694,900	(676,700)	58,500	(61,100)	7.8	(8.3)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(BLS Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

May 1992

(Revised April 1992 in parentheses)

Approved by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to Allocate Federal Funds and Determine Eligibility for Federal Assistance Programs

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,780	(4,640)	3,730	(3,650)	1,050	(990)	22.0	(21.3)
Berkeley	32,170	(31,450)	28,800	(28,340)	3,370	(3,110)	10.5	(9.9)
Boone	9,170	(8,840)	7,780	(7,630)	1,390	(1,210)	15.2	(13.7)
Braxton	5,680	(5,630)	4,690	(4,480)	990	(1,150)	17.4	(20.5)
Brooke	10,660	(10,440)	9,300	(9,220)	1,360	(1,220)	12.7	(11.7)
Cabell	45,360	(45,120)	41,270	(41,060)	4,090	(4,060)	9.0	(9.0)
Calhoun	3,090	(3,130)	2,450	(2,310)	650	(820)	20.9	(26.3)
Clay	3,550	(3,380)	2,970	(2,750)	580	(620)	16.2	(18.4)
Doddridge	2,610	(2,530)	2,310	(2,250)	300	(280)	11.5	(10.9)
Fayette	18,390	(18,080)	15,880	(15,640)	2,510	(2,450)	13.6	(13.5)
Gilmer	3,190	(3,460)	2,800	(2,990)	400	(470)	12.4	(13.5)
Grant	5,000	(4,890)	4,470	(4,400)	540	(490)	10.7	(10.1)
Greenbrier	16,060	(15,660)	14,280	(13,760)	1,780	(1,900)	11.1	(12.2)
Hampshire	7,390	(7,220)	6,490	(6,220)	900	(1,000)	12.2	(13.8)
Hancock	13,750	(13,760)	12,450	(12,340)	1,300	(1,410)	9.4	(10.3)
Hardy	5,970	(5,800)	5,640	(5,410)	330	(400)	5.4	(6.9)
Harrison	31,860	(31,430)	28,300	(27,590)	3,560	(3,840)	11.2	(12.2)
Jackson	10,490	(10,160)	8,910	(8,600)	1,580	(1,560)	15.1	(15.3)
Jefferson	19,270	(18,960)	17,180	(16,790)	2,090	(2,170)	10.8	(11.4)
Kanawha	103,140	(101,860)	94,340	(93,280)	8,800	(8,580)	8.5	(8.4)
Lewis	7,810	(7,770)	6,850	(6,680)	960	(1,080)	12.3	(14.0)
Lincoln	8,360	(8,120)	7,180	(6,920)	1,180	(1,200)	14.1	(14.8)
Logan	14,120	(13,760)	12,140	(11,990)	1,970	(1,770)	14.0	(12.9)
McDowell	7,580	(7,080)	6,150	(5,750)	1,430	(1,330)	18.8	(18.8)
Marion	24,000	(23,760)	20,280	(20,120)	3,720	(3,640)	15.5	(15.3)
Marshall	15,810	(15,580)	13,570	(13,360)	2,240	(2,220)	14.2	(14.3)
Mason	10,200	(9,810)	8,400	(8,100)	1,810	(1,710)	17.7	(17.4)
Mercer	28,150	(27,770)	25,130	(24,860)	3,020	(2,910)	10.7	(10.5)
Mineral	11,150	(11,170)	10,070	(10,120)	1,080	(1,060)	9.7	(9.5)
Mingo	12,300	(12,300)	11,060	(10,940)	1,240	(1,360)	10.1	(11.1)
Monongalia	42,890	(42,450)	40,330	(39,970)	2,560	(2,480)	6.0	(5.8)
Monroe	5,430	(5,260)	5,030	(4,850)	400	(410)	7.3	(7.8)
Morgan	5,670	(5,480)	5,060	(4,920)	610	(560)	10.8	(10.3)
Nicholas	9,720	(9,530)	8,030	(7,790)	1,690	(1,740)	17.4	(18.3)
Ohio	24,960	(24,550)	22,990	(22,630)	1,970	(1,920)	7.9	(7.8)
Pendleton	4,050	(3,920)	3,850	(3,730)	190	(200)	4.8	(5.0)
Pleasants	2,360	(2,270)	1,980	(1,890)	380	(380)	16.2	(16.7)
Pocahontas	4,800	(5,030)	4,040	(4,240)	770	(790)	16.0	(15.7)
Preston	13,900	(13,830)	12,560	(12,450)	1,340	(1,380)	9.6	(10.0)
Putnam	18,010	(17,790)	15,830	(15,650)	2,180	(2,140)	12.1	(12.1)
Raleigh	30,620	(29,860)	26,660	(26,160)	3,970	(3,700)	13.0	(12.4)
Randolph	12,750	(12,530)	10,950	(10,860)	1,800	(1,670)	14.1	(13.3)
Ritchie	5,720	(5,490)	5,000	(4,800)	730	(700)	12.7	(12.7)
Roane	5,400	(5,440)	4,400	(4,280)	1,000	(1,160)	18.5	(21.3)
Summers	4,530	(4,500)	3,860	(3,710)	670	(790)	14.7	(17.5)
Taylor	6,230	(6,220)	5,550	(5,410)	680	(820)	10.9	(13.1)
Tucker	4,380	(4,140)	3,930	(3,740)	450	(400)	10.4	(9.7)
Tyler	4,970	(4,910)	4,510	(4,400)	460	(520)	9.3	(10.5)
Upshur	8,730	(8,710)	7,380	(7,290)	1,350	(1,420)	15.5	(16.3)
Wayne	16,600	(16,570)	14,810	(14,730)	1,790	(1,840)	10.8	(11.1)
Webster	3,290	(3,170)	2,630	(2,560)	660	(610)	19.9	(19.3)
Wetzel	9,870	(9,680)	8,820	(8,600)	1,050	(1,080)	10.7	(11.1)
Wirt	2,120	(1,980)	1,790	(1,580)	340	(410)	15.8	(20.4)
Wood	43,290	(42,830)	39,320	(38,860)	3,970	(3,970)	9.2	(9.3)
Wyoming	7,360	(7,080)	6,230	(6,000)	1,130	(1,080)	15.4	(15.2)
Statewide	788,700	(776,700)	700,400	(688,600)	88,300	(88,100)	11.2	(11.3)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

Partnership for Progress Area Unemployment Rates

WV Series / BLS Series May 1992

Some seasonal improvement was noted statewide in total nonfarm payroll employment for May 1992. However, the May primary election, which added 10,400 temporary poll workers to the local government job count, was responsible for the majority of this increase. Still, seasonal gains were recorded in the trade, construction and service industries. All of the nine Partnership for Progress Areas experienced declines in their unemployment rates. The greatest decrease occurred in Area 8 (8.2%) which fell by a full percentage point during May 1992. Area 2 (7.5%) was close behind recording a 0.7 percent decrease. The highest unemployment rate occurred in Area 6, which posted a 9.9 percent rate. Area 7 recorded the lowest rate at 6.6 percent of the civilian labor force. In total, five of the nine areas experienced rates below the statewide figure of 7.8 percent.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May. '92	Revised Apr. '92	Revised May. '91
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	116.6	114.5	114.9
Employment	109.3	107.0	108.5
Unemployment	7.3	7.4	6.4
Rate (%)	6.2	6.5	5.6
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	127.4	126.2	127.5
Employment	120.5	118.9	120.4
Unemployment	6.9	7.4	7.1
Rate (%)	5.4	5.8	5.6
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	70.7	69.6	69.6
Employment	66.8	65.5	65.9
Unemployment	3.9	4.1	3.7
Rate (%)	5.5	5.9	5.3
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	69.0	67.7	68.8
Employment	64.9	63.4	65.4
Unemployment	4.0	4.3	3.4
Rate (%)	5.8	6.4	4.9
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	38.9	38.1	37.3
Employment	35.9	34.6	34.6
Unemployment	3.0	3.4	2.7
Rate (%)	7.7	9.0	7.2
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.1	11.8	11.7
Employment	10.6	10.2	10.3
Unemployment	1.6	1.6	1.4
Rate (%)	12.8	13.8	12.3
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	55.1	54.2	52.5
Employment	52.5	51.5	50.4
Unemployment	2.6	2.7	2.1
Rate (%)	4.7	4.9	4.0
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.2	13.9	14.3
Employment	13.2	12.8	13.3
Unemployment	1.0	1.1	1.0
Rate (%)	7.1	8.0	7.0
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.6	19.9	20.9
Employment	19.2	18.3	19.5
Unemployment	1.4	1.6	1.4
Rate (%)	7.0	8.1	6.8

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May. '92	Revised Apr. '92	Revised May. '91
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	121.2	119.7	120.9
Employment	110.2	108.9	112.2
Unemployment	11.0	10.7	8.7
Rate (%)	9.1	9.0	7.2
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	131.6	131.1	132.9
Employment	120.4	119.6	122.0
Unemployment	11.2	11.5	10.9
Rate (%)	8.5	8.8	8.2
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	74.7	73.6	73.5
Employment	68.2	67.1	68.3
Unemployment	6.5	6.5	5.1
Rate (%)	8.7	8.8	7.0
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	73.1	71.8	72.6
Employment	66.3	65.0	67.8
Unemployment	6.7	6.8	4.8
Rate (%)	9.2	9.5	6.6
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	40.7	40.2	39.4
Employment	36.2	35.3	35.8
Unemployment	4.5	4.9	3.6
Rate (%)	11.2	12.3	9.3
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	13.0	12.7	12.6
Employment	10.7	10.3	10.6
Unemployment	2.3	2.4	2.0
Rate (%)	18.1	18.5	15.6
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	56.8	56.3	55.0
Employment	52.9	52.4	52.1
Unemployment	3.9	3.9	2.9
Rate (%)	6.9	6.9	5.3
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.8	14.6	15.1
Employment	13.3	13.0	13.7
Unemployment	1.5	1.6	1.4
Rate (%)	10.2	10.9	9.1
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.5	20.9	22.1
Employment	19.3	18.6	20.2
Unemployment	2.2	2.3	2.0
Rate (%)	10.1	11.1	8.8

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

Employment: Nonfarm payroll employment rose by 2,100 jobs during May 1992 in the Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area. Much of this increase occurred in local government (+1,200) as election workers were counted during the survey week. Overall the local service-producing sector increased by some 1,900 jobs, with advances in government (+1,200), retail trade (+500), transportation and public utilities (+100) and finance, insurance and real estate (+100). Services remained unchanged over the month. The goods-producing sector increased seasonally by 200, particularly in construction. Comparison with year-ago May 1991 reveals an increase of 1,600 jobs, primarily in the service-producing sector (+1,700). Total services advanced sharply by 800, with noticeable gains in health (+400) and personal and business (+300) services. Total government was up by 1,000 over the year. However, gains in local government reflected the counting of election workers for the May 1992 primary.

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment decreased only slightly (-100) during May 1992. However, this small decline was more than offset by the large increase in employment (+2,300), which pushed the size of the labor force upward (+2,100), resulting in a lower unemployment rate of 6.2 percent for May. The current level of unemployment (7,300) remains entrenched higher than a year-ago figure of 6,400, with the rate up from 5.6 percent to the current 6.2 percent of the civilian labor force.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May. '92	*Revised Apr. '92*	*Revised May. '91*
Labor Force	116.6	114.5	114.9
Employment	109.3	107.0	108.5
Unemployment	7.3	7.4	6.4
Rate (%)	6.2	6.5	5.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May. '92	*Revised Apr. '92*	*Revised May. '91*
Labor Force	121.2	119.7	120.9
Employment	110.2	108.9	112.2
Unemployment	11.0	10.7	8.7
Rate (%)	9.1	9.0	7.2

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May.'92	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*	*May.'92*	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*	*May.'92*	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	113.6	111.5	112.0						
PRIVATE SECTOR	92.6	91.7	92.0	37.0	36.9	37.1	9.93	9.95	9.79
GOODS-PRODUCING	17.6	17.4	17.7						
Mining	2.1	2.2	2.4						
Construction	5.0	4.8	5.1						
Manufacturing	10.5	10.4	10.2	43.9	45.0	42.4	14.73	14.66	14.04
Durable Goods	1.8	1.9	1.6	47.1	47.3	37.6	11.10	11.03	11.48
Nondurable Goods	8.7	8.5	8.6	42.9	44.4	43.7	15.87	15.80	14.62
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.2	7.1	7.2	45.5	47.7	45.5	17.61	17.28	15.93
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.4	1.4	34.7	33.1	37.7	8.72	8.67	9.35
SERVICE-PRODUCING	96.0	94.1	94.3						
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.7	8.6	8.8						
Trade	28.5	28.0	28.5	33.4	32.8	33.2	7.79	7.88	7.71
Wholesale Trade	7.1	7.1	7.2	41.9	41.6	40.6	10.59	10.66	10.50
Retail Trade	21.4	20.9	21.3	30.8	30.1	30.9	6.64	6.70	6.57
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	4.3	4.2	4.4	31.0	30.4	30.0	7.16	7.12	7.31
Food Stores	3.9	3.9	3.8	28.5	27.1	27.7	6.45	6.69	6.30
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	2.5	2.5	2.5	36.3	33.6	36.7	8.08	8.20	8.41
Eating & Drinking Places	6.7	6.4	6.7	28.0	28.6	28.5	5.32	5.17	5.06
Other Retail Trade	4.0	3.9	3.9						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.5	6.4	6.5	37.8	38.3	37.1	8.84	8.76	9.00
Finance	2.8	2.8	2.9						
Insurance	2.7	2.6	2.6						
Real Estate	1.0	1.0	1.0						
Services	31.3	31.3	30.5	36.4	36.6	37.5	8.96	9.08	8.82
Personal & Business Services	5.3	5.2	5.0	33.2	33.2	35.1	6.34	6.25	6.50
Health Services	11.7	11.7	11.3	42.5	42.8	42.9	9.34	9.58	9.47
Social Services	2.2	2.2	2.0						
Membership Organizations	3.8	3.8	3.9						
Other Services	8.3	8.4	8.3						
Government	21.0	19.8	20.0						
Federal	2.1	2.1	2.0						
State	9.2	9.2	9.3						
Local	9.7	8.5	8.7						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.3						

Hours and earnings represent production and nonsupervisiory workers only. To derive average weekly earnings, multiply average weekly hours by average hourly earnings.

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA in May 1992 advanced by 1,200 jobs. Much of this advance was fueled by primary election (poll) workers in local government. The goods-producing industries added 600 jobs, with construction (+500) and nondurable goods (+100) primarily responsible for this increase. The service-producing industries also advanced by 600 jobs. The increase came in a sprinkling throughout the service industries. Retail trade advanced by 200 while finance, insurance and real estate added 100. Personal services gained 100, while government increased by 200 jobs. Total nonfarm payroll employment was up 500 in the over-the-year comparison. Goods-producing industries added 100 jobs over the year, while the service-producing industries advanced by 400 jobs.

Unemployment: Unemployment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA decreased by 500 during May 1992 to a level of 6,900. This represents is a decrease of 200 from May 1991. The MSA unemployment rate decreased 0.4 percent to 5.4 percent of the civilian labor forceduring May 1992. The current rate is 0.2 percent lower than the May 1991 rate of 5.6 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May. '92	*Revised Apr. '92*	*Revised May. '91*
Labor Force	127.4	126.2	127.5
Employment	120.5	118.9	120.4
Unemployment	6.9	7.4	7.1
Rate (%)	5.4	5.8	5.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May. '92	*Revised Apr. '92*	*Revised May. '91*
Labor Force	131.6	131.1	132.9
Employment	120.4	119.6	122.0
Unemployment	11.2	11.5	10.9
Rate (%)	8.5	8.8	8.2

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May.'92	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*	*May.'92*	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*	*May.'92*	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	112.1	110.9	111.6						
PRIVATE SECTOR	92.0	91.0	91.5	36.0	35.5	35.0	10.39	10.20	9.82
GOODS-PRODUCING	26.4	25.8	26.3						
Mining	1.6	1.6	1.7						
Construction	5.0	4.5	4.9						
Manufacturing	19.8	19.7	19.7	41.3	41.1	40.0	13.96	13.85	13.77
Durable Goods	11.4	11.4	11.3	40.4	40.3	40.0	14.44	14.52	14.36
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.4	38.1	45.6	43.7	12.48	12.60	12.65
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.2	7.2	7.4	40.6	39.3	39.4	16.05	16.12	16.13
Other Durable Goods	2.8	2.8	2.5						
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.3	8.4	42.6	42.2	40.0	13.29	12.88	12.92
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.7	38.5	39.1	33.6	6.76	6.89	7.24
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.3	4.3	4.3	44.9	42.7	41.6	17.05	16.62	16.20
Other Nondurable Goods	2.6	2.5	2.4						
SERVICE-PRODUCING	85.7	85.1	85.3						
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.2	7.2	8.0						
Trade	27.7	27.5	27.6	32.1	31.6	31.9	7.15	7.09	7.18
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.4	5.5	39.9	39.4	39.8	10.33	10.24	10.09
Retail Trade	22.3	22.1	22.1	30.4	30.0	30.2	6.26	6.19	6.31
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	4.9	4.9	4.6	29.4	29.3	29.6	6.55	6.61	6.47
Food Stores	3.7	3.7	3.8	29.4	29.7	27.8	6.49	6.67	6.31
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	2.4	2.4	2.4	36.5	31.1	35.5	7.22	7.72	7.81
Eating & Drinking Places	7.1	7.0	7.1	26.4	26.8	26.6	5.30	4.90	4.95
Other Retail Trade	4.2	4.1	4.2						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.8	3.9	36.0	35.9	37.3	7.66	7.78	7.46
Services	26.8	26.7	25.7	34.1	34.1	33.0	9.51	9.52	8.74
Personal & Business Services	3.7	3.6	3.6						
Health Services	11.2	11.2	10.6	34.5	34.9	35.5	11.05	11.06	10.57
Government	20.1	19.9	20.1						
Federal	3.1	3.0	2.9						
State	4.6	5.0	5.1						
Local	12.4	11.9	12.1						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

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Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment advanced by 1,100 jobs during May 1992 in the Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area. Much of this overall increase reflected the counting of election (poll) workers in local government (+700). The only other significant increase in the local service-producing sector occurred in trade (+400). Transportation and public utilities advanced by 100 jobs, while services and finance, insurance and real estate remained unchanged. The goods-producing sector declined only slightly (-100) during May, with a 200 job increase in construction offset by losses in manufacturing (-200) and mining (-100). No labor-management disputes were recorded for May 1992 in the MSA. Comparison with year-ago data indicates an overall increase in jobs (+1,200). However, a significant portion of the advance merely reflects primary election (poll) workers. Private sector employment increased by 600, totally in the service-producing sector (+1,400). Total services grew by 700 jobs over the year, while trade advanced by 600 jobs.

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment fell by 200 persons during May 1992, with the MSA unemployment rate showing a corresponding decline to 5.5 percent of the civilian labor force. However, comparison with May 1991 (5.3%) shows the current rate still higher than a year ago.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May. '92	*Revised Apr. '92*	*Revised May. '91*
Labor Force	70.7	69.6	69.6
Employment	66.8	65.5	65.9
Unemployment	3.9	4.1	3.7
Rate (%)	5.5	5.9	5.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May. '92	*Revised Apr. '92*	*Revised May. '91*
Labor Force	74.7	73.6	73.5
Employment	68.2	67.1	68.3
Unemployment	6.5	6.5	5.1
Rate (%)	8.7	8.8	7.0

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May.'92	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*	*May.'92*	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*	*May.'92*	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	63.0	61.9	61.8						
PRIVATE SECTOR	52.1	51.7	51.5	34.7	34.4	34.5	10.24	10.37	10.11
GOODS-PRODUCING	16.6	16.7	17.4						
Mining	0.3	0.4	0.4						
Construction	2.7	2.5	3.0						
Manufacturing	13.6	13.8	14.0	41.4	40.6	40.3	14.38	14.73	14.02
Durable Goods	6.6	6.8	6.8	38.2	36.8	38.2	12.50	12.66	12.50
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.9	0.9	1.0	33.3	33.1	37.9	8.52	8.78	9.19
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.6	1.7	43.3	42.2	41.0	13.06	13.03	13.37
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.7	2.9	2.7	34.8	33.2	35.9	13.64	14.03	13.56
Other Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4						
Nondurable Goods	7.0	7.0	7.2	45.4	45.4	42.7	16.32	16.83	15.59
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.2	5.2	5.4	45.4	46.3	42.7	18.02	18.41	16.81
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8						
SERVICE-PRODUCING	46.4	45.2	44.4						
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.7	2.6	2.6						
Trade	15.2	14.8	14.6	32.2	32.7	31.5	7.18	7.11	7.13
Wholesale Trade	3.0	2.9	2.9	41.7	44.1	41.0	9.21	9.25	9.26
Retail Trade	12.2	11.9	11.7	30.1	30.2	29.3	6.56	6.41	6.45
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	2.2	2.2	2.2	30.0	28.3	30.3	6.72	6.77	7.10
Food Stores	2.2	2.2	2.2	30.0	30.1	28.0	7.05	6.94	6.86
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	1.7	1.6	1.6	42.3	43.3	41.7	8.53	7.87	8.10
Eating & Drinking Places	3.8	3.7	3.6	24.4	24.8	24.5	4.78	4.67	4.61
Other Retail Trade	2.3	2.2	2.1						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.3	2.3	2.3	32.4	31.5	31.8	6.97	7.09	6.60
Services	15.3	15.3	14.6	31.6	31.1	30.9	8.22	8.37	7.99
Personal & Business Services	3.6	3.4	3.4	34.9	31.4	34.8	7.52	7.66	7.26
Health Services	4.7	4.8	4.7	31.9	31.6	32.3	9.18	9.05	8.83
Other Services	7.0	7.1	6.5						
Government	10.9	10.2	10.3						
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.9						
State	1.1	1.1	1.2						
Local	7.9	7.2	7.2						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

Hours and earnings represent production and nonsupervisiory workers only. To derive average weekly earnings, multiply average weekly hours by average hourly earnings.

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 1400 during May 1992 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area. The goods-producing (+200) and the services-producing sectors (+1200) both reflected increases during the month. Both construction and manufacturing increased by 100 while mining remained stable for the month. Trade (+200) and services (+100) had slight increases, while government (+900) had a large increase due to election workers. Transportation and public utilities and finance, insurance and real estate remained stable for the month with no change. Comparison with year-ago May 1991 figures indicates a decline of 300 jobs in nonfarm payroll. A severe decrease was seen in the goods-producing sector (-1000). The decrease was particularly heavy in manufacturing (-500). Mining (-300) and construction (-200) also experienced decreases. The service-producing sector experienced an increase of 700. Government (+600), services (+500) and finance, insurance and real estate (+100) had increases while trade decreased by 500. Transportation and public utilities remained stable for the year. No labor-management disputes were recorded for May 1992.

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment decreased by 300 during May 1992 in the MSA, with the corresponding unemployment rate decreasing to 5.8 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data indicates an increase of 600 unemployed over the year with the unemployment rate advancing from 4.9 percent to the current 5.8 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May. '92	*Revised Apr. '92*	*Revised May. '91*
Labor Force	69.0	67.7	68.8
Employment	64.9	63.4	65.4
Unemployment	4.0	4.3	3.4
Rate (%)	5.8	6.4	4.9

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May. '92	*Revised Apr. '92*	*Revised May. '91*
Labor Force	73.1	71.8	72.6
Employment	66.3	65.0	67.8
Unemployment	6.7	6.8	4.8
Rate (%)	9.2	9.5	6.6

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May. '92	*Apr. '92*	*May. '91*	*May. '92*	*Apr. '92*	*May. '91*	*May. '92*	*Apr. '92*	*May. '91*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	60.5	59.1	60.8						
PRIVATE SECTOR	50.2	49.7	51.1	33.7	34.0	34.9	9.80	9.93	9.68
GOODS-PRODUCING	10.5	10.3	11.5						
Mining	1.9	1.9	2.2	45.5	43.7	44.4	19.59	19.53	19.17
Construction	1.7	1.6	1.9						
Manufacturing	6.9	6.8	7.4	38.2	41.0	42.0	14.41	15.44	14.50
Durable Goods	2.7	2.6	2.9	34.9	35.3	41.7	13.35	14.30	13.66
Nondurable Goods	4.2	4.2	4.5	41.0	45.5	42.2	15.18	16.16	15.17
SERVICE-PRODUCING	50.0	48.8	49.3						
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.3	3.3	3.3						
Trade	15.1	14.9	15.6	31.5	31.6	32.5	7.06	6.99	7.09
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.7	2.8	39.3	39.9	39.4	9.75	9.31	9.30
Retail Trade	12.4	12.2	12.8	30.0	30.0	31.1	6.37	6.37	6.53
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	2.5	2.5	2.5						
Food Stores	2.3	2.3	2.4						
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	1.5	1.5	1.6						
Eating & Drinking Places	4.1	3.9	4.2						
Other Retail Trade	2.0	2.0	2.1						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.2	3.2	3.1	35.5	35.1	33.7	6.94	6.90	6.68
Services	18.1	18.0	17.6						
Health Services	8.0	8.0	7.8	31.8	31.9	33.7	9.28	9.25	8.57
Other Services	10.1	10.0	9.8						
Government	10.3	9.4	9.7						
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7						
State	2.0	1.9	1.9						
Local	7.6	6.8	7.1						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

Hours and earnings represent production and nonsupervisiory workers only. To derive average weekly earnings, multiply average weekly hours by average hourly earnings.

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date	NONFARM JOB OPENINGS Active File	Received Program Year to Date	Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total	Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
TOTAL	182,348	71,211	33,219	2,954	1,698	23,247	5.5	24.1
Professional, Technical & Managerial	19,198	6,995	1,330	216	121	508	14.4	32.4
Clerical & Sales	48,548	16,201	8,083	995	476	4,786	6.0	16.3
Services	22,751	7,505	6,841	597	281	4,640	3.3	12.6
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	1,809	764	172	18	13	79	10.5	42.4
Processing	10,193	4,101	844	151	125	698	12.1	27.2
Machine Trades	12,375	5,255	1,190	94	41	732	10.4	55.9
Benchwork	7,150	2,910	846	82	72	542	8.5	35.5
Structural Work	31,394	13,873	2,156	249	134	1,216	14.6	55.7
Miscellaneous	37,445	15,225	11,757	552	435	10,046	3.2	27.6
Transportation	8,253	3,379	1,149	129	76	623	7.2	26.2
Packaging & Materials Handling	20,817	7,196	9,788	222	177	9,012	2.1	32.4
Other	8,375	4,650	820	201	182	411	10.2	23.1
Entry Total	20	20	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

	May 1992	Apr. 1992	May 1991	Percent Change: Apr. 1992	May 1991
Initial Claims	7,146	8,870	7,814	-19.4	-8.5
Weeks Claimed	86,589	103,757	99,571	-16.5	-13.0
Benefits Paid	$11,808,763	$13,662,041	$13,115,655	-13.6	-10.0
Weeks Compensated	76,649	89,140	84,340	-14.0	-9.1
Average Weekly Payment	$154.06	$153.26	$155.51	0.5	-0.9
Trust Fund Balance, End of Month	$153,092,501	$130,221,493	$139,329,780	17.6	9.9

Workers' Compensation

Select Workers' Compensation Claims Activities

	May. 1992	Apr. 1992	May. 1991	Percent Change: Apr. 1992	May. 1991
Temporary Disability Benefits Paid	5,687,983	6,259,091	5,400,921	-9.1	5.3
Medical Benefits Paid	6,149,849	6,952,892	5,830,905	-11.5	5.5
Permanent Partial Disability Benefits Paid	3,780,794	5,587,950	5,530,472	-32.3	-31.6
Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	7,877,867	10,209,447	7,705,568	-22.8	2.2
Benefits to Dependents of Fatalities	1,673,292	1,683,213	1,408,416	-0.6	18.8
Funeral Benefits Paid	0	20,871	46,498	-100.0	-100.0
Miscellaneous Benefits Paid*	221,459	334,862	446,638	-33.9	-50.4
DWRF** Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	585,964	573,240	622,875	2.2	-5.9
DWRF** Benefits Paid to Dependents of Fatalities	977,476	970,139	969,381	0.8	0.8
Sum of All Benefits Paid	26,954,683	32,591,704	27,961,673	-17.3	-3.6

** Includes returned benefit checks, attorney fees and specified dependent benefits.*
*** Disabled Workers' Relief Fund provides benefits to meet the weekly minimum benefit payable for worker's injured prior to July 1, 1971.*

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Select Job Training Partnership Act Characteristics

Performance Standard Report
July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991

Job Training Program	Standard	Actual
Entered Employment Rate - Adults	68	68
Average Wage at Placements Adults	4.95	4.81
Cost Per Entered Employment Adults	4,500	2,284
Entered Employment Rate - Welfare Recipients	56	58
Entered Employment Rate - Youth (Out of School Programs)	45	53
Positive Termination Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	75	85
Cost Per Positive Termination - Youth	4,900	2,101
Employability Enhancement Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	33	52

Characteristics	Enrolled	Positive Outlook*
Adult	8,582	6,951
Female	5,406	4,379
Male	3,176	2,572
Youth	7,326	5,495
Female	3,882	2,912
Male	3,444	2,583
School Dropout	**	2,341
High School Graduate /Equivalent or above	**	6,355
Single Parent	**	2,777
Black	**	904
Hispanic	**	35
Handicapped	**	1,059
Unemployed	**	6,648
Welfare	**	2,841
Veterans	**	772

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